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BEE QUARTERLY COLONY LOSS

LAKEWOOD, Colo. – December 4, 2018 – In January, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact bee keepers nationwide during the Quarterly Colony Loss survey to gather information on colony loss, colony numbers and value. This information helps evaluate conditions from year to year, and promote programs designed to ensure the viability of beekeepers and agricultural pollination services.

"The survey results provide a statistical benchmark on honey bee colony numbers and death loss for comparison each year," said Bill Meyer, Director, Mountain Regional Field Office. "By participating in the survey, your information will allow the USDA, beekeepers and any other interested parties to analyze data on a state-by-state basis, and compare specific quarterly losses, additions and movements."

As is the case with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential as required by law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only aggregated data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

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